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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA COMMERCIAL TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay terminal harvest area (THA):

The Neets Bay THA will open to commercial trolling from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, until closed by emergency order in those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point and west of the "Sims line", which begins from a point on the northern shore at 55°47.62' N. latitude., 131°34.86' W. longitude to a point on the southern shore at 55°46.83' N. latitude, 131°34.36' W. longitude.

The chum salmon return to the Neets Bay THA is strong and is estimated to reach the total return forecast of 1,700,000 fish. SSRAA expects that adequate chum salmon will be available this year for cost recovery and broodstock needs. Additional area within the Neets Bay THA will therefore be opened to commercial troll gear to harvest excess chum salmon. Chinook retention is not allowed in the Neets Bay THA.

The 2012 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this news release is EO 1E1612.

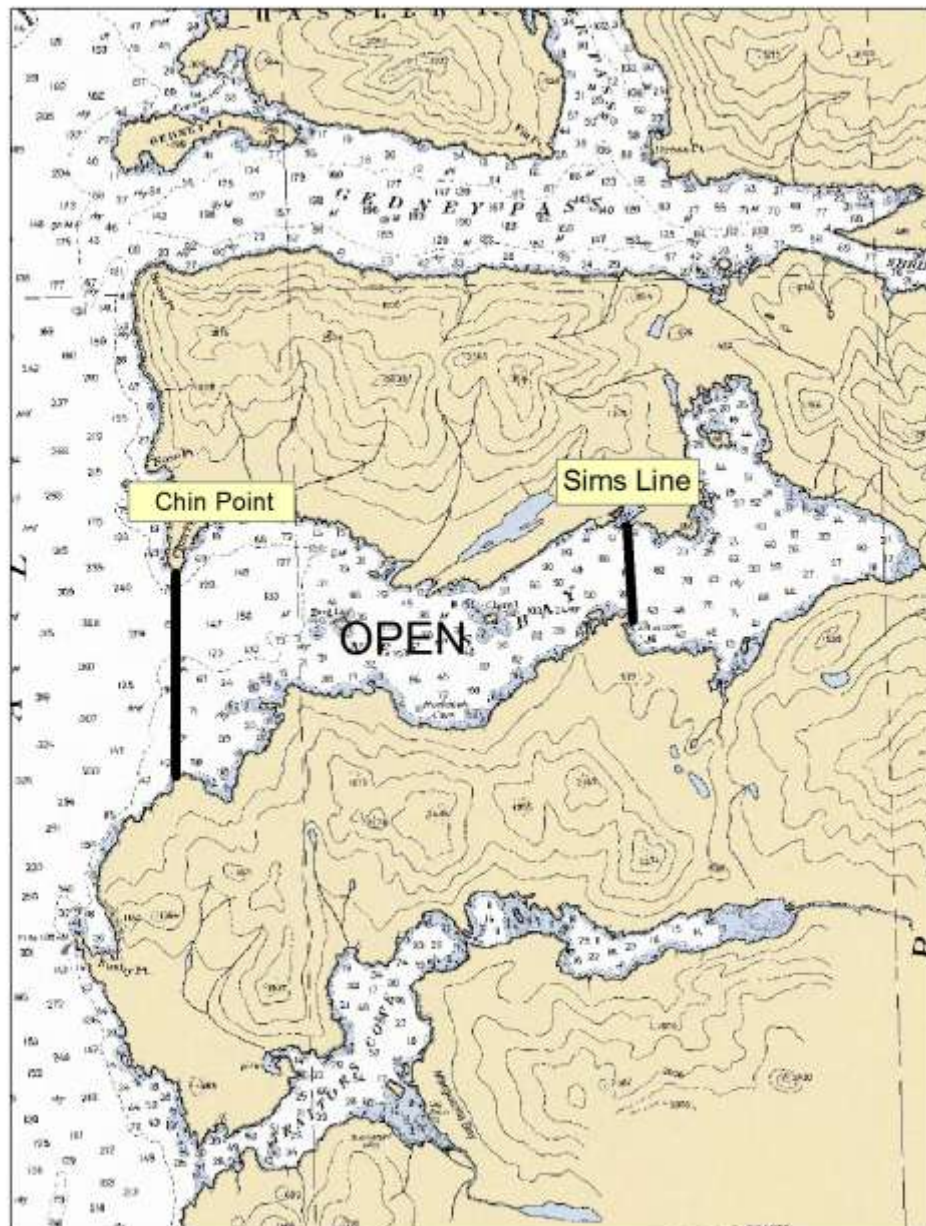


Figure 1. Map of the Neets Bay THA including the Sims line.

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